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**Request
For
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

Section 1.114 of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/619,264
Filing Date	July 19, 2000
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Group Art Unit	2623
Examiner Name	M. Dastouri
Attorney Docket Number	60237

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, File Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14864 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on RECEIVED
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on FEB 05 2004
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 02/04/2004 SZEWDIE1 00000008 501071 09619264
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 02 FC:1252 420.00 DA
- iv. ☒ Other Form PTO-1449

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____ 02/04/2004 SZEWDIE1 00000008 501071 09619264

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. 01 FC:1801 770.00 DA

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, and any deficiencies, to Deposit Account No. 50-1071.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (**\$770.00**)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 AND 1.17) (**\$420.00** for 2 month extension of time fee)
- iii. ☐ Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	January 29, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on: January 29, 2004.

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